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Attorney. Maro McLemore
Clerk. C. Dart
Marshal. Wm. Hanson
Galveston: Second Monday January and First Monday in June.
Houston: Fourth Monday of February and September.

Laredo: Third Monday of April and Second Monday of November.
Brownsville: Second Monday of May and First Monday of December.

DISTRICT COURT.

Cameron County: First Monday in February, and First Monday in September, and May continue in session four weeks.

Hidalgo County: Fourth Monday after the First Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Starr County: Sixth Monday after the First Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Duval County: Eighth Monday after the First Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Nueces County: Tenth Monday after the First Monday in February and may continue in session eight weeks and Tenth Monday after First Monday in September and may continue in session four weeks.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE.

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F. Champion. A. L.
A. Turk. Banker
Jesse O. Wheeler. Clerk.

TRUTH ABOUT

THE MEAT TRUST.

High Prices Maintained, Despite Reduced Price of Live Stock and Injunctions.

Atlanta Constitution.

What with a corn crop 1,000,000,000 bushels larger than that of last season and larger than any corn crop ever raised in the United States, with more hay and oats than the country has grown for years, and fodder galore, the long-suffering meat consumer had logical reason to feel that he would be able to buy his meat at normal prices by this time. But does he? Not by any means. The retailers still dole out their precious cuts at drouth-year prices, protesting when questioned for the reason for the maintenance of high values that they cannot buy their meat from the packers cheaper than heretofore.

And what of the stock man and farmer who have beef cattle to sell? Do they receive drouth-year prices for their animals on the hoof? Not by some 25 per cent. The offerings at the great packing centers are abundant, and at Chicago, the ruling market, the packers are able to buy all the prime cattle they want at \$7 per hundred pounds, instead of \$9, as formerly, and hogs which cost them \$8 a few months ago are being bought for \$6. The man who owns live meat realizes that his market has sharply fallen and is still falling. Indeed, he is told by the packing house buyers and drovers that the market is glutted, and the latter practically dictate prices.

Between the man who raises meat and the man who eats meat someone is just now making an exorbitant margin of profit. That someone appears to be the beef combine which the attorney general of the United States instituted proceedings against some months since, and which was enjoined from so manipulating the market as to depress the prices of the farmer's live stock or raise the block prices of the public's meat.

That there should be a decline in the price of live stock is self-evident if there is any legitimacy in natural conditions affecting the market value of natural product. But the unerring logic of supply and demand alone should fix the reduced price of live stock, and the reduction of the price of meat in the butcher's shop should be proportionate. The reader will be able to judge how much legitimacy there is in the regulation of primary prices by the packers from the following market report excerpt from The Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"Taking advantage of these heavy receipts, the packers have worked in harmony and depressed the market. For the past three weeks they have maneuvered to secure low-priced hogs to fill their sales of January products. Two weeks ago, for several days, there was no buying of stock by the packers. All the pens in the yards were full and the report spread that the market was demoralized. When the shippers were becoming desperate the packers finally stepped in and purchased their regular supplies at much reduced prices. The houses ran at their utmost capacity for a couple of days, and then there was another simultaneous unwillingness to purchase. Prices went still lower, and the packers again purchased. It will be seen from the foregoing

that there is no competition among buyers of man's greatest food staple, while there is no concert of action among the demoralized offerers of live stock on an arbitrarily low market to prevent a sacrifice. The thing has every appearance of a profit swelling combine on the part of the buyers, to which the stock raiser, the retail meat dealer and the purchasing public must pay tribute. The meat trust catches 'em going and coming, and when its merger stocks are floated, it will be seen how easy it will be to pay dividends on a superabundance of water.

Notwithstanding the injunction proceedings taken against this giant monopoly by the United States government, it proceeds complacently with its devious methods of squeezing the other fellow to the last gasp to pile up its profits, and it seems to be proceeding as complacently toward the final organization of a skull and crossbones trust. The people are receiving and will receive no quarter from this free-booting aggregation until they insist upon making legislators make the right kind of laws and see that they are enforced by the proper legal tribunals.

If the government's legal representatives are serious in their injunction case against the packers, they might find the latter are easily amenable for contempt of court.

WHAT PUZZLES

THE PREACHERS.

A Kansas newspaper complacently remarks: "There are six preachers in the jails of this state, but, thank God, not a single editor." What will probably puzzle the six unfortunate preachers is how under the canopy a lot of the editors managed to escape the clutch of justice.—Newspaperdom.

FATE.

Chicago Record-Herald: "They say she fell in love with him because of his beautiful hair."

"And it was understood that her splendid form was what appealed to him."

"Ah, too bad! He's bald, and she's getting stout."

Late Items.

The will of the late millionaire railroad and steamship president, A. C. Hutchinson, leaves the bulk of his fortune to Tulane University in New Orleans.

The United States supreme court hands down a decision upholding the suicide statute, requiring insurance companies to pay regardless of how the policy holder died.

The circuit court of the Northern district of Texas, which recently held that the insurance could be collected on a policy on which the premium had not been paid, has been reversed by the United States supreme court.

A new railroad traffic coalition is reported, as follows: Illinois Central, Southern Pacific, Southern and Queen and Crescent, versus the Louisville and Nashville and Texas Pacific.

Buy and Try a Box Tonight.

While you think of it, go buy and try a box of Cascarets Candy Cathartic, ideal laxative, tonight. You'll never regret it. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, 10c.

AFTER LITTLE VENEZUELA.

British and Germans Seize Her Fleet—President Castro Retaliates.

London, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, dated Dec. 9, says:

"The combined British and German fleet today (Tuesday) seized the Venezuelan fleet, composed of four warships, in the harbor of La Guayra.

"It is reported also that an ultimatum will be delivered tomorrow (Wednesday) asking for an answer and a compliance with the demand of Britain and Germany."

CASTRO RETALIATES.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—All German and British subjects in Caracas were arrested today.

TEXAS NOTES.

About 1,000,000 acres of land are involved in the boundary dispute between Texas, the Federal government and New Mexico.

Five business buildings were burned at Georgetown Tuesday; loss \$12,000.

A strong flow of gas has been struck near Columbia.

The Southern Pacific warehouse at Beaumont was burned; loss \$40,000.

It has been recommended to congress that an appropriation of \$40,000 be made for a new Federal building at Houston. The present building is entirely inadequate.

The Galveston sea wall carnival opens Monday.

Texas now has 7083 names on the Confederate pension rolls, 2343 of them being widows. The allowance is \$8.15 per quarter.

ANTS AND SPIDERS

AS FOOD FOR FOLKS.

In some countries the people eat ants. In Sweden they mix them with rye and flavor the stew with brandy. They make a dish of pressed ants and soften it with milk until it looks like our chocolate.

In Africa the children roast large white ants and eat them by the handful like popcorn. Travelers who have eaten them say they taste like almond paste.

Many people cook and eat locusts. They boil them in salty water, roast them in oil or fry them in butter. Sometimes they dry and grind the locusts and make the powder into bread by adding a little water.

The Mexicans are fond of roasted spiders. They also dry the eggs of a certain water fly, grind them into flour and sell it by the sack. This flour is sweet and much used for cakes.

These are only a few of the many queer things eaten by the boys and girls of other lands. The children of our own country often eat roasted grasshoppers and say that they taste like parched horse corn or maize.—Atlanta Constitution.

Secretary of State Hay, in reply to a request from Governor Sayers for a decision, rules that a Governor of a border State may grant extradition without referring the case to Washington.

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